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SUBJECT: CODEL BIAGGI

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1. CONGRESSMAN MARIO BIAGGI AND AIDE ANTONY PETRETTI
DEPARTED NICOSIA MARCH 28 AFTER EXTREMELY BUSY THREE-DAY
SCHEDULE INCLUDING CALLS ON PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, HOUSE
PRESIDENT MICHAELIDES, ARCHBISHOP CHRYSOSTOMOS,
FONMIN ROLANDIS, FINANCE MINISTER PATSALIDES AND
OTHER GOC OFFICIALS. CODEL ALSO VISITED REFUGEE
CAMPS AND MET WITH REFUGEE AND MISSING PERSONS
ORGANIZATIONS. EMBASSY ARRANGED LUNCHEON FOR CODEL
WITH "TFSC PRESIDENT" DENKTASH WHO ALSO PROVIDED TOUR
OF TURKISH CYPRIOT SECTOR OF NICOSIA, FAMAGUSTA, AND
VAROSHA.

2. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS AND RADIO GAVE PROMINENT
ATTENTION TO VISIT, FOCUSING ON CONGRESSMAN BIAGGI'S
ASSURANCES THAT HE WOULD WORK TO MAINTAIN EMBARGO
UNTIL PROGRESS WAS MADE ON CYPRUS PROBLEM. TURKISH
CYPRIOT PRESS FEATURED CONGRESSMAN'S VISITS, ACCCOMPANIED
BY DENKTASH, TO SIGNIFICANT SITES OF INTERCOMMUNAL
VIOLENCE.

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3. COMMENT: CONGRESSMAN BIAGGI MADE A FAVORABLE
IMPRESSION ON CYPRIOTS OF BOTH COMMUNITIES. HE MADE IT
CLEAR HE BELIEVES THE U.S. EMBARGO ON ARMS SALES TO
TURKEY SHOULD BE MAINTAINED UNTIL THERE IS SIGNIFICANT
PROGRESS ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. IN A SPEECH TO GREEK
CYPRIOT LEADERS ON MARCH 26 HE WARNED THAT THIS WILL NOT

BE EASY IF THE TURKISH SIDE MAKES PROPOSALS AS THIS WOULD
BE TAKEN BY MANY CONGRESSMEN "AS A GOOD FAITH GESTURE"
AND WOULD BE SEEN BY THEM AS PROGRESS. END COMMENT.

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